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1. GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED DAILY, CHAAB, PUBLISHED EDITORIAL ON KISSINGER-SMITH MEETING IN ITS SEPT. 20 EDITION ENTITLED "WHAT CHANGES?" EDITORIAL COMMENTED THAT DR. KISSINGER PROMISED TO MEET "EVIL IAN SMITH" ONLY ON THE CONDITION THAT THE LATTER BRING ABOUT MAJOR CHANGES IN HIS REGIME. IAN SMITH IS A REBEL WHOSE CRIES AGAINST HUMANITY JUSTIFY HIS DESCRIPTION IN THE MANNER OF "NAZI CRIMINALS". THE PROBLEM IN RHODESIA, AS IN THE REST OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, IS THE ONE OF A MINORITY COLONIZING AN AFRICAN MAJORITY. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED: "DR. KISSINGER, WHO WAS DISTINGUISHED IN ALL THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT HE HAD TO CONDUCT BY A REMARKABLE APPRECIATION OF THE INTERPLAY OF FORCES, MUST DISCUSS WITH THE LEADERS OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE ON A PRIORITY BASIS THE BEST WAY TO ASSURE THE RAPID DECOLONIZATION OF ZIMBABWE... IT IS THE ONLY CHANCE OF SAFEGUARDING THE FAVORABLE PRECONCEPTIONS BY WHICH HIS EFFORTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA HAVE BENEFITED".

2. SEPT. 16 CHAAB RAN HEADLINE NEWS STORY ON KISSINGER-SMITH MEETING AND LENGTHY INSIDE STORY ON SECRETARY'S TALK WITH CHIEF BUTHELEZI AND NON-WHITE SOUTH

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